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TO: DIRECTOR, FBI

FROM: SAC, BALTIMORE (100-20015)

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[redacted] (PST) advised orally on [redacted] that  
on [redacted] during a discussion with  
[redacted] advised  
that JOHN KASPER is currently incarcerated at Tallahassee,  
Florida. [redacted] stated KASPER is scheduled for release  
on 8/1/58 and that Admiral CROMMLEY (PH) is going to  
Florida to pick up KASPER when released.

According to [redacted] CROMMELY and KASPER will travel  
together to Nashville, Tennessee, where KASPER allegedly  
has to post a bond for some trouble he is in there.  
CROMMLEY will post the bond. According to [redacted]  
CROMMELY and KASPER will remain in the Nashville area  
approximately one week after which they will proceed to  
Washington, D. C.

Above submitted for information of offices receiving copy.

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1 - Jacksonville  
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## Office Memorandum • UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

TO : Director, FBI

DATE: August 12, 1958

FROM : SAC, Memphis (105-275)

SUBJECT: FREDERICK JOHN KASPER, aka  
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Enclosed herewith for the Bureau are copies of a letterhead memorandum regarding FREDERICK JOHN KASPER. Copies are enclosed for Bureau Files 44-12298 and 44-11173 concerning the matter entitled "Integration in Public Schools, Nashville, Tennessee; CR." Also copies of a memorandum setting out the reliability of the informant utilized in the letterhead memorandum are enclosed. KASPER's activities will continue to be followed.

By teletype dated August 8, 1958, in the case entitled "National States Rights Party; IS- X," from Mobile to Bureau, Knoxville and Memphis. Mobile advised that [redacted]

[redacted] advised on [redacted] that KASPER's recent host, Admiral JOHN CROMMELIN told [redacted] on August 8, 1958 that KASPER had left for Memphis and Nashville, Tennessee, no times stated. [redacted] is listed as T-1 in attached letterhead memo.

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4- Bureau (2-Frederick John Kasper) (encl.-2) RM  
(1-44-12298)  
(1-44-11173)

1- Washington Field (encl.-2) RM  
1- Knoxville (National States Rights Party) (encl.-2) RM  
1- Memphis (105-207) (encl.-2)  
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UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE  
FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION  
Memphis, Tennessee  
August 12, 1958

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DATE 3-19-95 BY SP7Mjg/te

Re: FREDERICK JOHN KASPER, wa  
John Kasper  
SECURITY MATTER - X

The August 1, 1958 issue of the Memphis Press-Scimitar newspaper reported in a United Press International News Story from Atlanta, Georgia that segregationist JOHN KASPER, undaunted after eight months in prison, walked out of the U. S. Penitentiary on August 1, 1958 and announced he would keep up the racial battle that landed him behind bars. It pointed out that he was released after eight months of a one year sentence for contempt of a Federal anti-agitation order in U. S. District Court for the Eastern District of Tennessee. This article pointed out that KASPER had said that some of his supporters, not identified, had written him in prison that "some work needs to be done in Memphis," and that this city, according to KASPER, might be receiving him after his trip to Florida upon his release from prison.

The Memphis Press-Scimitar issue of August 1, 1958 reported that Memphis Fire and Police Commissioner CLAUDE ARMOUR, when asked about KASPER's possible visit to Memphis, stated "it is a known fact that I am a segregationist but I feel that we in Memphis are well qualified to handle our own problems. We do not need outsiders interfering in our local problems. KASPER is known as a radical and as far as I'm concerned he will be unwelcome to the City of Memphis."

The Memphis Commercial Appeal newspaper in its issue of August 3, 1958 reported that JOHN KASPER on interview at Montgomery, Alabama stated "I've been asked to go to Memphis where they say they're not too well organized. They're going to integrate Memphis State and want some help, so that's my next move."

The paper quoted Memphis State University President, J. MILLARD SMITH, as saying, "I just hope he doesn't come," in referring to KASPER.

The paper further reported that KASPER stated that he might come to Memphis after he had visited his mother "up

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North" and prepared for his next trial in Nashville, Tennessee in September.

On August 8, 1958, Memphis Confidential Informant T-1 advised that KASPER's recent host, Admiral JOHN CROMMELIN, had stated on or about August 8, 1958 that KASPER had left the vicinity of Montgomery, Alabama enroute to Memphis and Nashville, exact time not stated. No further details of KASPER's itinerary were known to T-1.

The Memphis Commercial Appeal in its issue of August 11, 1958, in an Associated Press story, dated August 10, 1958 from Nashville, reported that JOHN KASPER in Nashville had reported that he will work against desegregation of the Nashville public schools second grade during the Fall of 1958. The story reminded that Federal Judge WILLIAM E. MILLER had issued a temporary injunction during the Fall of 1957 ordering KASPER to stop interference with the city schools first grade integration.

KASPER stated that he understood that the injunction applied only to integration in the first grade and that accordingly, his efforts will involve a few speeches and a few meetings.

The news story reported that KASPER's speeches and meetings held in Nashville during the Fall of 1957 resulted not only in the court injunction, but also resulted in a Tennessee state charge against KASPER for inciting to riot and reported that charges leveled against KASPER in this connection would be tried in Nashville courts during September of 1958.

According to an article appearing in the Nashville Tennessee, a daily newspaper published in Nashville, Tennessee, on August 10, 1958, FREDERICK JOHN KASPER telephonically contacted WALLACE WESTFELDT, a reporter for that paper, on Saturday, August 9, 1958, and advised him that he was in Nashville and intended to work in opposition to the integration of the second grade of the Nashville public schools in September of 1958. He stated that he did not think that the injunction of the U. S. District Court, Nashville, against his working against integration in the Nashville public schools applied to the second grade but only applied to the first grade. He stated that his work would consist of a few meetings and a few speeches around town. He refused to give his Nashville address. He stated that he intended to go to Memphis to oppose the integration at Memphis State University, stating that he had been requested by some students there to come and assist in the fight against integration in this school.

Re: FREDERICK JOHN KASPER, wa

8-12-58

On August 11, 1958, WILLIAM COLEMAN, Tennessee Bureau of Criminal Identification, Nashville, advised SA FRANCIS W. NORWOOD that he had talked to WESTFELDT about the call and that WESTFELDT is sure that the caller was KASPER as he recognized his voice, having talked to him in the Fall of 1957. COLEMAN stated that his organization and the Nashville Police Department were attempting to ascertain discreetly where KASPER is staying.

UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE  
FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

Memphis, Tennessee  
August 12, 1958

Re: FREDERICK JOHN KASPER, wa  
John Kasper  
SECURITY MATTER - C

Memphis Confidential Informant T-1 utilized in  
the attached memorandum has furnished reliable information  
in the past.

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## Office Memorandum • UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

TO : Director, FBI (100-423395)

DATE: 8/13/58

FROM : SAC, Mobile (100-1342)

SUBJECT: RACIAL SITUATION

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 [Signature]

Reference is made to Bureau memo to WFO 7/21/58 setting forth information that JOHN KASPER would be released from FCI, Tallahassee, Fla., 8/1/58 and instructing that appropriate sources be alerted to keep apprised of KASPER's plans and activities.

KASPER has been in Wetumpka, Ala. visiting retired Admiral JOHN CROMMELIN and informants in this area have been alerted for information concerning KASPER's activities.

It is pointed out that a series of three articles appeared in the Mobile papers August 7, 8, and 9, 1958 (copies of which furnished the Bureau by Routing Slip captioned "RACIAL SITUATION, STATE OF ALABAMA"), in which KASPER describes his eight months in prison and in which he stated he was resting up in Wetumpka, Ala. prior to heading for Memphis, Tenn. within two weeks to organize opposition against integration of Memphis State College. Further information concerning KASPER's stated plans for his defense in coming trial in Nashville, Tenn. on charge of inciting to riot and his thinking about forming a third political party and writing a book, were furnished to the Bureau and interested offices, except Memphis, by airtel 8/6/58 captioned "NATIONAL STATES RIGHTS PARTY". Accordingly, a copy of this airtel of 8/6/58 is enclosed herewith for Memphis.

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TO: DIRECTOR, FBI (100-423395)

FROM: SAC, MEMPHIS (105-207)

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Transmitted herewith to the Bureau and interested offices is a letterhead memorandum relating to the attendance of FREDERICK JOHN KASPER and a group of his associates at a forum on desegregation of the first and second grades in the Nashville Public Schools, Nashville, Tenn.

In addition to the information set forth in the memorandum, Lt. REX WHITE, Nashville PD, advised that the reason that he was with Supt. OLIVER was that OLIVER had received a telephone call from an unidentified man who stated "Be smart - stay away from that meeting tomorrow." This call was received by OLIVER on 8-23-58. WHITE stated that no publicity was given this call because they hoped to avoid setting a precedent which would possibly precipitate a lot of similar calls.

- 5- Bureau (3-100-423395) (enc.-7) RM  
    { 1-NSRP) (encl.-1) RM  
    { 1-John Kasper) (encl.-1) RM  
1- Indianapolis (info) (encl.-1) RM  
2- Knoxville (encl.-2) RM  
1- Louisville (info) (encl.-1) RM  
1- Mobile (info) (encl.-1) RM  
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1- Richmond (info) (encl.-1) RM  
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Also for the information of the Bureau and interested offices, the following list of telephone calls made from the telephones of W. C. HENRY, Nolensville Road, Nashville, and Rev. FRED STROUD, Curtis Road, Nashville, a known associate of KASPER's, was obtained on a confidential basis from [redacted] by SA FRANCIS W.

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NORWOOD on 8-22-58. [redacted]  
8-22-58.

for the period 7-1 to

From Telephone No. Alpine-4-7848, residence of Rev. STROUD.

Date	To	Place	Telephone No.
7-2-58	Dr. SAM MORRIS	San Antonio, Texas	TA-2-1712
7-2-58	National Savings Insurance Co.	Oklahoma City, Okla.	JA-5-9496
7-23-58	GENE LAMBERT	Gallatin, Tenn.	1951
7-30-58	RANDY PIKE Springfield Hospital	Springfield, Tenn.	890
7-31-58	EUGENE LAMBERT c/o Shell Service Sta.	Gallatin, Tenn.	1951
7-31-58	Kelly Seed Co.	Gallatin, Tenn.	Pay Station No. 872
7-31-58	Mrs. KELLY's residence	Gallatin, Tenn.	1313
8-2-58	HOWARD COPELAND residence, person of Rev. B.W. COVINGTON (This call made from pay station charged to STROUD number)	Clarksville, Tenn.	643-W
8-3-58	JOHN KASPER	Wetumpka, Ala.	6781
8-4-58	HAL C. SMITH	Bristol, Tenn.	SOU 1505-W
8-13-58	Call from FRED STROUD TO CANal-8-6470, Nashville, from Main-8-3049 at Abington, Va., to residence of L. LOYD SIRCY		

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From Telephone No. VERNON-2-9520, residence of W.C. HENRY

Date	To	Place	Telephone No.
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8-11-58	(Telegram charged to telephone, name of addressee not shown)	Shelbyville, Tenn., signed JOHN KASPER, P.O. Box 7033, Nashville	
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8-14-58	LEE FOSTER residence, 5317 Cedar Heights Dr.	Knoxville, Tenn.	MY-1-4981
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8-14-58	RAULSTON SCHOOLFIELD	Chattanooga, Tenn.	MA-4-3417
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On 8-22-58, A. P. TODD, Office of Supt. of Mails, Nashville, advised that P.O. Box 7033 is rented by one WILLIE YOUNG, 502 Rosedale, Nashville.

The 1957 Nashville City Directory lists LOYD W. SIRCY, wife JOHNNIE M., employed as trimmer, Davis Cabinet Co., residence, 1101 North 8th St., Nashville.

The 1957 Nashville City Directory lists one RICHARD C. SMITHSON, wife NINA G., residence 333½ 33rd Ave. North, as employed at Nashville Electrotpe Co.

The letterhead memorandum is also being disseminated to local intelligence agencies.

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UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE  
FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

Memphis, Tennessee  
August 27, 1958

Re: WHITE CITIZENS COUNCILS  
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On Sunday, August 24, 1958, **FREDERICK JOHN KASPER** and some of his associates appeared at Clark Memorial Methodist Church, 1014 14th Avenue North, Nashville, Tennessee, a predominantly Negro church and attended a meeting in progress there. During the meeting an anonymous caller advised both the Nashville Police Department and the Nashville Fire Department that the church had a bomb planted in it. The church was evacuated and searched but no explosives located. After the search the meeting was resumed with KASPER and his group re-entering the meeting. The above was reported by Television Station WLAC, Nashville, at 10:00 PM, August 24, 1958.

Dr. **VIVIAN W. HENDERSON**, 1619 Phillips Street, Nashville, was the chairman for instant meeting and furnished the following information:

The meeting was sponsored by the Commission of Christian Social Relations of the Methodist Church and the Women's Society of Christian Service of Clark Memorial Methodist Church. The Commission is an official organization of the Methodist Church. There were other interested groups participating and the meeting was a Forum on Desegregation of the First and Second Grades in the Nashville Public Schools. It was set up three weeks ago and approximately 800 letters were sent out to nearly all of the churches in the city, also to white and Negro people interested in the problems and to some educators. It was stated in the letters that **W. H. OLIVER**, Superintendent of Public Schools in Nashville, would speak; that there would be consultants on racial matters present, and that some discussion on the question of escorts for Negro students entering integrated schools might be entertained. The latter question was dropped from the program as most of the people concerned seemed to be of the opinion that it would not be a good idea to have escorts.

HENDERSON advised that on his arrival at the church at 3:30 PM, he noticed a car containing three white men parked in front of the church. He stated that he was somewhat concerned because they appeared to be of the "rabble rousing type."

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Superintendent OLIVER arrived very soon thereafter, accompanied by a city detective and there were several squad cars in the vicinity. The detective seemed to be particularly interested in the car containing the men.

HENDERSON advised that the meeting started with approximately 125 persons present, and that just as the meeting started the three men from the car came into the meeting. He asked them to have seats but they stood in the rear of the church. Shortly thereafter they did sit down and soon KASPER came in with a woman and a small child. He believed they may have been accompanied by a young man. They also stood at the back of the church but eventually sat with the other men. All were very quiet and took no part in the meeting.

According to HENDERSON, Mr. OLIVER was speaking and at approximately 4:10 PM a commotion was heard on the outside. Lt. REX WHITE, Nashville Police Department, came in and advised OLIVER and HENDERSON that there had been a report that there was a bomb in the church. HENDERSON asked the group to leave, which they did in an orderly manner. Firemen and police checked the building and found nothing. The meeting was resumed. While the check was being made HENDERSON observed that KASPER was apparently going to leave, however, he was stopped and questioned by some of the people present and when the meeting was resumed, he and his group came back in the meeting with the rest. During the remaining discussion, however, one person asked if the Police Department was going to let KASPER make trouble again. HENDERSON asked KASPER if he would care to comment. KASPER laughed but refused to make any comment.

On August 25, 1958, Lt. ~~REX~~ WHITE, Nashville Police Department, Nashville, advised he attended a meeting at Clark Memorial Methodist Church on August 24, 1958 with Mr. W. A. OLIVER, Superintendent of Public Schools, Nashville. He stated that he had not expected to see JOHN KASPER at the meeting but on arrival at the church did note a car parked across the street containing three men, who because of their general demeanor, were suspicious. He stated that they were in a Chevrolet having 1958 Tennessee License No. 1B-04-37. These men came into the meeting after it had just started and shortly thereafter JOHN KASPER, Mr. ROBERT WRAY, and a small girl, apparently Mrs. WRAY's child, came in and sat with these men. When the church was evacuated for searching, some of the persons present got into a discussion with KASPER on the lawn of the church. Lt. WHITE did not hear the conversation.

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He advised that KASPER was driving a black 1939 or 1940 Plymouth automobile having 1958 Tennessee License No. 3F-77-15. Lt. WHITE was of the opinion that the call concerning the bomb was a hoax perpetrated by KASPER or his associates to assure publicity concerning his attendance at the meeting.

Mrs. JANICE RIDLEY, Motor Vehicle Division, Department of Finance and Taxation, State of Tennessee, advised that 1958 Tennessee License No. 1B-04-37 was issued for a 1955 Chevrolet two-door sedan, to RICHARD G. SMITHSON, 330 33rd Avenue North, Nashville, and 3F-77-15 was issued for a 1940 Plymouth to LEE R. FOSTER, 5317 Cedar Heights Drive, Knoxville.

The Nashville Banner, August 25, 1958, carried a story of the incident on the front page. It quoted KASPER as answering the question of whether he intended to resist integration in the first and second grades in Nashville as follows, "The Federal Courts are running the schools." He declined to comment on the bomb scare, declined to give his address and stated that he was at work on a book explaining his racial views. With regard to the meeting, he was quoted as saying, "I just came over to hear what they had to say and to see what was going on."

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